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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please amend the following claims as shown.

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26. (Amended) A fiber amplifier in accordance with claim 23 wherein said means for preventing excitation comprises a pump light optical fiber containing a dopant that substantially attenuates light at wavelength λ_p .

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32. (Amended) A fiber amplifier in accordance with claim 21 wherein the radial distribution of said gain ions in said gain fiber extends beyond the mode field radius of light of wavelength